

Calling Attention to Matters of urgent Public Importance.

re: Injury to preserve due to Lathi-Charge by Police at Haliyal.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).— Madam, I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the injury caused to some persons due to lathi charge by the police at Haliyal in Karwar District.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA. (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).— On behalf of the Chief Minister, Madam, I wish to make the following statement:

It is reported that when the Minister for Municipal Administration had to address a public meeting at Haliyal on 16-3-1973 in connection with the Municipal Elections, some persons disturbed the meeting. There was pelting of stones also. The Police had to intervene and disperse the mob. No lathi charge was made by the Police. The Police merely hit their lathies on the ground to scare away the mob. Due to stone throwing, one Head Constable and three Police Constables received minor injuries, but no member of the public including Mr. Yahya M. L. A. was injured. A case under Sections 147-149, 353, 337, 323 and 332 IPC was registered against 12 persons. Ten persons have been arrested so far. The case is under investigation.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.— Has it come to the notice of the Government that the hon. Member Sri Yahya, Secretary of the M.P.C.C., was injured on that day and was taken to the Hubli Hospital? This has appeared in all the news papers.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— The Statement I have made is very clear that Sri Yahya or any member of the public was not injured and in spite of that if the hon. Member puts a question whether they were injured, I fail to understand the propriety of it.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.— In the Press it has appeared that Sri Yahya was injured.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— I do not know who has given that information to the Press. I doubt whether he has been responsible for that.

- ii) re: Inconvenience to Gawli Community due to Reported Attempt by Forest Dept. to evict them from the Hunasekatte, village, Bhadravati Taluk.

Sri KAGODU THIMMAPPA (Sagar).— Madam, I call the attention of the Minister for Agriculture and Forests to the inconvenience caused to the Gawli Community due to the reported attempt by the Forest Department to evict them from S. No. 14 of Hunsekatte Village, Bhadravathi Taluk.

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forests).— Madam, I wish to make the following statement :

The Hon'ble Members know very well that forests are our national assets and it is the sacred duty of every one of us to preserve and develop them.

It has been represented that about 40 families belonging to Gowli Community are residing in S. No. 14 of Hunasekatte Village, Bhadravathi Taluk. They had requested for the release of the S. No. for allotment as house sites.

S. No. 14 of Hunasekatte is included in Umblebyle State Forest. It is surrounded by 1970 plantation. Some Gowlies are residing in S. No. 14 of Hunsekatte and have put up about 40 temporary small thatched huts. No permanent houses have been put up. Gowlies being Nomadic, move about within the forest with their buffalows. Setting up of viz camps within the forest will have a very bad effect, on forests; generally they are also quite well off. In consideration of these circumstances, disforcement in the heart of the forest was not considered. The Forest Department had taken action to evict the encroachers.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ.— ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅವರ ಅರಣ್ಯ ೧೯೭೦ ರಿಂದ ಅಸ್ತಿತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಕಂಡು ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈಗಿರತಕ್ಕ ೪೦ ಕುಟುಂಬಗಳು ಕಳೆದ ೨೦-೪೦ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಮನೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದು